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SUBJECT: REPORTED CHANGE OF COMMAND OF SYRIAN "SPECIAL FORCES"

OF POSSIBLE INTEREST AND IN CASE YOU HAVE NOT SEEN REPORT,  
PRO-EGYPTIAN WEEKLY AS SAYYAD CLAIMED MAY 14 THAT MAJ.  
RIFAAT AL ASSAD HAS RELINQUISHED POST OF COMMANDER OF  
SYRIAN "SPECIAL FORCES" TO DEVOTE HIS FULL TIME TO BAATH  
PARTY BUSINESS. AS SAYYAD SAYS THIS CHANGE OF COMMAND  
WAS ON INITIATIVE OF PRES ASAD WHO HAS NAMED FORMER CHIEF  
OF STAFF OF "SPECIAL FORCES" ADNAN MAKHLOUF (RANK NOT GIVEN)  
TO REPLACE RIFAAT AS COMMANDER.  
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